

HOUSE BILL No. 2056

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 31-9-2-76.5; IC 31-34-21-4.5.

Synopsis: Foster parent participation in dispositional reviews. Makes a long term foster parent a party to periodic review of a dispositional decree in a proceeding for a child in need of services.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 31-9-2-76.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]: **Sec. 76.5. "Long term foster parent", for purposes of**
4 **IC 31-34-21-4.5, means a foster parent who has provided care and**
5 **supervision for a child for at least twelve (12) consecutive months.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 31-34-21-4.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.133-2000,
7 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4.5. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a
9 **long term** foster parent ~~may petition the court to request intervention~~
10 **as shall be** a party to a proceeding described in this chapter.

11 (b) A foster parent who has been:

12 (1) the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect;

13 or

14 (2) convicted of a felony listed in IC 12-17.4-4-11;

15 may not ~~petition the court to intervene be a party~~ under this section.

16 (c) ~~A court may grant a petition filed under this section if the court~~

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1 determines that intervention of the petitioner is in the best interests of
2 the child.

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